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## High-Mu Triode

**CERAMIC-METAL PENCIL TYPE**
**FAST WARM-UP TIME — STURDY COAXIAL-ELECTRODE STRUCTURE**

**For Use as a Low-Noise-Amplifier Tube in Receiver Applications up to 1500 Mc under Severe Shock and Vibration**

### GENERAL DATA

**Electrical:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater, for Unipotential Cathode: | | |
| Voltage (AC or DC) | 6.3 ± 10% | volts |
| Current at heater volts = 6.3 | 0.225 | amp |
| Cathode Warm-Up Time (Average) to reach 80% of operating plate current for dc plate-supply volts = 80, dc grid volts = 0, cathode resistor (ohms) = 0, load resistor (ohms) = 10, and heater volts = 6.3 | 10 | sec |
| Amplification Factor | 80 | |
| Transconductance for dc plate ma. = 12.5, dc plate volts = 125, and cathode resistor (ohms) = 50. | 13000 | μmhos |
| Direct Interelectrode Capacitances:[a] | | |
| Grid to plate | 2.4 | μμf |
| Grid to cathode and heater | 4.4 | μμf |
| Plate to cathode and heater | 0.03 max. | μμf |
| Heater to cathode | 2.6 | μμf |
| Cathode to plate | 0.03 max. | μμf |
| Cathode to grid and heater | 7 | μμf |
| Plate to grid and heater | 2.4 | μμf |

**Mechanical:**

| | |
|---|---|
| Operating Position | Any |
| Dimensions | See *Dimensional Outline* |
| Weight (Approx.) | 0.3 oz |
| Sockets: | |
| Heater-terminals connector | Amerac[b] No.1018-88,[c] Grayhill[d] No.22-5, or equivalent |
| Socket for operation up to about 550 Mc (Including heater-terminals connector) | Jettron[e] No.CD7010, or equivalent |
| Cavities (Including heater-terminals connector) | J-V-M[f] No.D-7980 Series, Resdel[g] No.10 Series, or equivalent |

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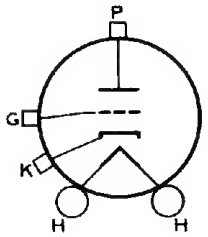
Terminal Connections (See *Dimensional Outline*):

H – Heater
K – Cathode




G – Grid
P – Plate

## RADIO-FREQUENCY AMPLIFIER — Class $A_1$

**Maximum CCS$^h$ Ratings,** *Absolute-Maximum Values:*

*For altitudes up to 100,000 feet and frequencies up to 1500 Mc*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| DC PLATE VOLTAGE | 250 max. | volts |
| DC GRID VOLTAGE | -50 max. | volts |
| DC PLATE CURRENT | 25 max. | ma |
| PLATE DISSIPATION | 2.5 max. | watts |
| PEAK HEATER-CATHODE VOLTAGE: | | |
| Heater negative with respect to cathode | 50 max. | volts |
| Heater positive with respect to cathode | 50 max. | volts |
| PLATE-SEAL TEMPERATURE | 225 max. | °C |

**Typical CCS$^h$ Operation in Cathode-Drive Circuit:**

| | *At 550 Mc* | *At 700 Mc* | |
|---|---|---|---|
| DC Plate-to-Grid Voltage | 125 | 125 | volts |
| Cathode Resistor | 50 | 50 | ohms |
| Input-Signal-Level Range | -70 to -20 | -70 to -20 | dbm |
| DC Plate Current | 12.5 | 12.5 | ma |
| Power Gain for a bandwidth of 5 Mc | 16.5 | 17 | db |
| Noise Figure | 6.5 | 7 | db |

| | *At 1100 Mc* | |
|---|---|---|
| DC Plate-to-Grid Voltage | 150 | volts |
| Cathode Resistor | 50 | ohms |
| Input-Signal-Level Range | -70 to -20 | dbm |
| DC Plate Current | 14 | ma |
| Power Gain for a bandwidth of: | | |
| 4 Mc | 20 | db |
| 8 Mc | 18 | db |
| Noise Figure | 11.5 | db |

**Maximum Circuit Values:**

Grid-Circuit Resistance:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For fixed-bias operation | Not recommended | |
| For cathode-bias operation | 0.25 max. | megohm |

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[a] Without external shield.

[b] Amerac, Inc., Dunham Road, Beverly, Massachusetts.

[c] For use with cavities.

[d] Grayhill, Inc., 561 Hillgrove Avenue, LaGrange, Illinois.

[e] Jettron Products, Inc., 56 Route 10, Hanover, N.J.

[f] J-V-M Microwave Co., 9300 W. 47th St., Brookfield, Illinois. Indicated No. applies to a series of cavities covering range from 220 up to 1000 Mc and above.

[g] Resdel Engineering Corp., 330 South Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, California. This series of cavities covers the range from 215 up to 2325 Mc.

[h] Continuous Commercial Service.

## CHARACTERISTICS RANGE VALUES FOR EQUIPMENT DESIGN ←

| | *Note* | *Min.* | *Max.* | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Heater Current | 1 | 0.205 | 0.245 | amp |
| Direct Interelectrode Capacitances: | | | | |
| Grid to plate | - | 2.1 | 2.8 | μμf |
| Grid to cathode | - | 3.8 | 4.8 | μμf |
| Plate to cathode | - | - | 0.03 | μμf |
| Heater-Cathode Leakage Current: | | | | |
| Heater negative with respect to cathode | 1,2 | - | 30 | μa |
| Heater positive with respect to cathode | 1,3 | - | 30 | μa |
| Leakage Resistance: | | | | |
| From grid to plate and cathode connected together | 1,4 | 100 | - | megohms |
| From plate to grid and cathode connected together | 1,5 | 100 | - | megohms |
| Reverse Grid Current | 1,6 | - | 0.3 | μa |
| Emission Voltage | 7 | - | 3 | volts |
| Amplification Factor | 1,8 | 60 | 100 | |
| Transconductance | 1,8 | 10000 | 16000 | μmhos |
| Plate Current (1) | 1,8 | 8.5 | 16.5 | ma |
| Plate Current (2) | 1,9 | - | 50 | μa |
| Plate Current (3) | 1,10 | 100 | - | μa |
| Power Gain | 1,11 | 14 | - | db |
| Noise Figure | 1,11 | - | 7 | db |
| Change in Power Gain | 11,12 | - | -1 | db |
| Change in Noise Figure | 11,12 | - | +0.5 | db |
| Change in Transconductance | 11,12 | - | 15 | % |

Note 1: With 6.3 volts ac or dc on heater.

Note 2: With 60 volts dc between heater and cathode, heater negative with respect to cathode.

Note 3: With 60 volts dc between heater and cathode, heater positive with respect to cathode.

Note 4: With grid 100 volts negative with respect to plate and cathode which are connected together.

Note 5: With plate 300 volts negative with respect to grid and cathode which are connected together.

Note 6: With dc plate voltage of 200 volts, dc grid voltage of −2 volts, grid resistor of 0.5 megohm.

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Note 7: With dc voltage on grid and plate which are connected together adjusted to produce a cathode current of 30 ma., and with 5.5 volts on heater.

Note 8: With dc plate-supply voltage of 125 volts, cathode resistor of 50 ohms, and cathode bypass capacitor of 1000 μf.

Note 9: With dc plate voltage of 125 volts and dc grid voltage of −5 volts.

Note 10: With dc plate voltage of 125 volts and dc grid voltage of −2.5 volts.

Note 11: With dc plate-supply voltage of 125 volts and cathode resistor of 50 ohms in a single-tube rf amplifier of the cavity type having a bandwidth of 5 ± 0.5 Mc, signal input of −70 dbm, and operating frequency of 550 ± 10 Mc.

Note 12: Reduce heater voltage to 5.7 volts. Change in Power Gain, Noise Figure, and Transconductance values from those obtained with 6.3 volts on heater will not exceed indicated values.

## SPECIAL TESTS & PERFORMANCE DATA

### Low-Pressure Voltage-Breakdown Test:

This test (similar to MIL-E-ID, paragraph 4.9.12.1) is performed on a sample lot of tubes every 90 days. Tubes are tested in a chamber at an air pressure equivalent to an altitude of 100,000 feet. Breakdown will not occur when a 60-cycle rms voltage of 300 volts is applied between the plate cylinder and grid flange.

### Low-Frequency Vibration Performance:

This test (similar to MIL-E-ID, paragraph 4.9.19.1) is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run under the following conditions: heater voltage of 6.3 volts, dc plate-supply voltage of 125 volts, cathode resistor of 50 ohms, and plate load resistor of 10,000 ohms. The tubes are vibrated in a plane perpendicular to the tube axis at 40 cycles per second at an acceleration of 10 g. The rms output voltage across the plate load resistor as a result of vibration of the tube will not exceed 100 millivolts.

At the end of this test, the tubes will not show permanent shorts or open circuits and will meet the following test limit:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |

For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.*

### Variable-Frequency Vibration Performance:

This test (similar to MIL-E-ID, paragraph 4.9.20.3) is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run. Tube operating conditions are the same as for *Low-Frequency Vibration Performance.* The tubes are vibrated perpendicular to the major tube axis through a frequency range from 5 to 2000 cps and back. From 5 to 50 cps, the tubes are vibrated at a constant displacement of 0.0400 ± 0.0025 inch. From 50 to 2000 cps, the tubes are vibrated at a constant acceleration of 10 ± 2 g. Total time to complete a sweep cycle is 10 ± 5 minutes. During the test, the tubes will not show an rms output voltage across the plate load resistor in excess of 50 millivolts. Each tube is vibrated for 60 seconds at the frequency which

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gives maximum vibrational noise output. If, at the end of 60 seconds the vibrational noise output is still increasing, the test is continued until there is no further increase.

The rms output voltage across the plate load resistor as a result of the vibration of the tube will not exceed the specified limit at any time during the test.

At the end of this test, the tubes will not show permanent shorts or open circuits and will meet the following limits:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.* | | |
| Heater–Cathode Leakage Current. . . . | 60 max. | μa |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,3.* | | |

**Shock Test:**

This test (similar to MIL-E-1D, paragraph 4.9.20.5) is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run. Tubes are held rigid and are subjected in three different positions to an impact acceleration of 500 g, 5 blows in each position.

At the end of this test, tubes will not show permanent shorts or open circuits and will meet the following limits:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.* | | |
| Heater–Cathode Leakage Current. . . . | 60 max. | μa |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,3.* | | |
| Low-Frequency Vibration Output. . . . | 200 max. | mv |
| For conditions shown above under *Low-Frequency Vibration Performance.* | | |
| Change in Transconductance. . . . . | -20 max. | % |
| From initial value for conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,8.* | | |

**Fatigue Vibration Test:**

This test (similar to MIL-E-1D, paragraph 4.9.20.6) is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run. Tubes are rigidly mounted and subjected to 2.5 g vibrational acceleration in two positions (X1, Y1) for 32 hours each. At the end of this test, tubes will meet the limits specified for the *Shock Test.*

**Shorts and Continuity Test:**

This test (similar to MIL-E-1D, paragraph 4.7.3) is performed on all tubes from each production run. Voltage applied between adjacent elements of the tube under test will be between 20 and 70 volts dc or peak ac. Plate and cathode terminals are tied together and connected to the grid terminal through the shorts test equipment. Tubes are tapped with a rubber tapper three times in each of three mutually perpendicular directions. If a short indication is obtained, the

tapping cycle is repeated two times for verification. Acceptance criteria is based on the "Resistance vs. Time Duration" curve shown in paragraph 4.7.7 of MIL-E-ID, Amendment 5.

At the end of this test, the tubes will not show permanent shorts or open circuits and will meet the following limit:

| | | |
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| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |

For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.*

**Ceramic-Seal-Fracture Test:**

This test is performed on a sample lot of tubes every 90 days. With the cathode- and plate-cylinder-supports spaced 15/16" ± 1/64", and with the grid flange centered between these supports, the tubes will withstand gradual application of a force of 30 pounds, perpendicular to the axis of the tubes, upon the grid flange, without causing fracture of the ceramic insulation.

**Seal Strain Test:**

This test (similar to MIL-E-ID, paragraph 4.9.6.3) is performed on a sample lot of tubes every 90 days. Tubes are tested by first immersing in water having a temperature of at least 97° C for at least 15 seconds and then immersing immediately in water at not more than 5° C for 5 seconds. After drying for 48 hours at room temperature, the tubes will meet the following test limit:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |

For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.*

**Grid Blackout:**

This test is performed as follows on a sample lot of tubes from each production run:

Signal-output voltage is measured under conditions with heater voltage of 6.3 volts, dc plate-supply voltage of 200 volts, plate load resistor of 10,000 ohms, grid resistor of 15 ohms, and a sine-wave voltage having a frequency of 100 kc and a peak-to-peak value of 0.1 volt applied between the grid and cathode. Then, in addition to the above conditions, a pulse signal with repetition rate of 2000 pps, peak-to-peak voltage of 5 volts, and pulse duration of 0.25 μsec is applied between the grid and cathode. Next, measurement of signal-output voltage is made 0.8 μsec after the leading edge of a pulse. This value of signal-output voltage referred to the initial value will not show a change in excess of -5 db.

**Heater-Cycling Life Performance:**

This test (similar to MIL-E-ID, paragraph 4.11.7) is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run. With 6.3 volts on heater and no voltage on plate or grid, the heater is cycled three minutes on and three minutes off for at least 2000 cycles.

At the end of this test, tubes will not show temporary or permanent shorts or open circuits and will meet the following limits:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.* | | |
| Heater-to-Cathode Leakage Current . . | 60 max. | μa |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,3.* | | |
| Grid-to-Cathode Leakage Resistance. . | 50 min. | megohms |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,4.* | | |

**1-Hour Stability Life Performance:**

This test (similar to MIL-E-1D, paragraph 4.11.3.1.a) is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run to insure that the tubes have been properly stabilized. Tubes are operated under the following conditions:

Heater voltage of 6.3 volts, plate-supply voltage of 215 volts, and cathode resistor of 150 ohms.

At the end of 1 hour, the change in transconductance value for each tube, referred to its initial transconductance reading, will not exceed 15% of the initial value for conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,8.*

In addition, the tubes will not show permanent shorts or open circuits and will meet the following limit:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.* | | |

**44-Hour Grid-Emission Life Performance:**

This test is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run to insure excellent over-all performance and to guard against epidemic failures of tubes to meet this test requirement. Tubes are operated under the following conditions:

Heater voltage of 7.5 volts, dc plate voltage of 215 volts, grid voltage of −2 volts, and grid resistor of 0.5 megohm.

At the end of 44 hours, the reverse grid current will not exceed 2 microamperes when grid resistor is shorted and grid voltage is increased to −5 volts, other conditions remaining unchanged from the above values.

**100-Hour Survival Life Performance:**

This test (similar to MIL-E-1D, paragraph 4.11.3.1.b) is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run to insure a low percentage of early inoperatives. Life-test conditions are the same as those specified for *1-Hour Stability Life Performance* except that all voltages are cycled at the rate of 110 minutes on and 10 minutes off.

At the end of 100 hours, the tubes will not show permanent shorts or open circuits and will meet the following limits:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.* | | |
| Transconductance. . . . . | 8000 min. | μmhos |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,8.* | | |
| Plate Current (2) . . . . . | 50 max. | μa |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,9.* | | |

**500- and 1000-Hour Average Life Performance:**

This test (similar to MIL-E-1D, paragraph 4.11.3.2) is performed on a sample lot of tubes from each production run to insure excellent over-all performance and to guard against epidemic failures of tubes to meet any of the characteristics indicated below. Each tube is life-tested under the following conditions:

Heater voltage of 6.3 volts, plate-supply voltage of 215 volts, cathode resistor of 150 ohms, heater positive with respect to cathode by 67.5 volts, and plate-seal temperature of 225° C. Heater voltage is cycled at a rate of 110 minutes on and 10 minutes off.

At the end of 500 hours, the tube will not show permanent shorts or open circuits and will be criticized for the total number of defects in the sample lot and for the number of tubes failing to meet the following limits:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.* | | |
| Leakage Resistance: | | |
| From grid to plate and cathode connected together. . . . | 60 min. | megohms |
| From plate to grid and cathode connected together. . . . | 60 min. | megohms |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,4 and 1,5.* | | |
| Power Gain. . . . . | 13 min. | db |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,11.* | | |
| Noise Figure. . . . . | 8 max. | db |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,11.* | | |
| Change in Power Gain. . . . . | -1 max. | db |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1,11,12.* | | |

At the end of 1000 hours, the tube will not show permanent shorts or open circuits and will be criticized for the total number of defects in the sample lot and for the number of tubes failing to meet the following limits:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Heater Current. . . . . | 300 max. | ma |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Note 1.* | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Power Gain. . . . . | 12 min. | db |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1, 11.* | | |
| Noise Figure. . . . . | 9.5 max. | db |
| For conditions shown under *Characteristics Range Values, Notes 1, 11.* | | |

## OPERATING CONSIDERATIONS

*Connections* to the cathode cylinder, grid flange, and plate cylinder should be made by flexible spring contacts. The connectors should make firm, large-surface contact, yet must be sufficiently flexible to insure that no part of the tube is subjected to excessive strain.

The *cathode* should preferably be connected to one side of the heater. When, in some circuit designs, the heater is not connected directly to the cathode, precautions must be taken to hold the peak heater-cathode voltage to the maximum-rated values shown in the tabulated data.

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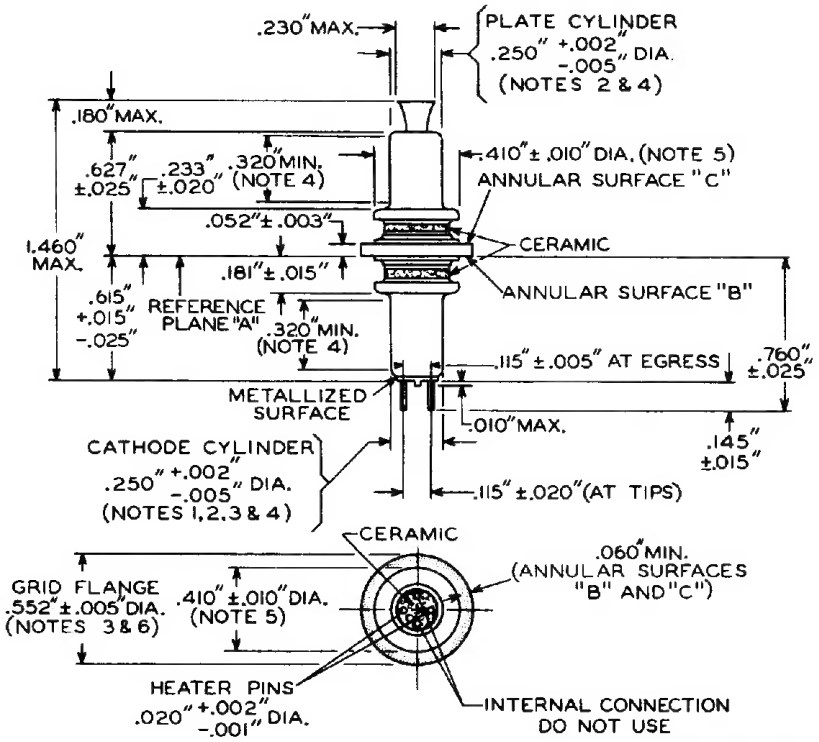


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REFERENCE PLANE "A" IS DEFINED AS THAT PLANE AGAINST WHICH ANNULAR SURFACE "B" OF THE GRID FLANGE ABUTS.

ANNULAR SURFACE "B" IS ON THE SIDE OF THE GRID FLANGE TOWARD THE CATHODE CYLINDER.

ANNULAR SURFACE "C" IS ON THE SIDE OF THE GRID FLANGE TOWARD THE PLATE CYLINDER.

**NOTE 1:** WITH ANNULAR SURFACE "B" RESTING ON REFERENCE PLANE "A", THE AXIS OF THE CATHODE CYLINDER WILL BE WITHIN $2^{o}$ OF A LINE PERPENDICULAR TO REFERENCE PLANE "A".

**NOTE 2:** THE AXES OF THE PLATE CYLINDER AND CATHODE CYLINDER WILL COINCIDE WITHIN 0.010".

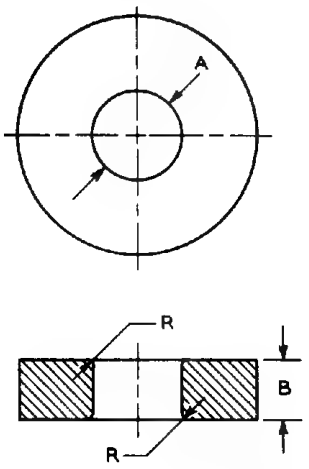
**NOTE 3:** THE AXES OF THE CATHODE CYLINDER AND GRID FLANGE WILL COINCIDE WITHIN 0.005".

**NOTE 4:** THE DIAMETER ALONG THE 0.320" MINIMUM LENGTH IS MEASURED WITH "GO" AND "NO-GO" RING GAUGES $G_1$-1 AND $G_1$-2, RESPECTIVELY.

**NOTE 5:** THIS DIAMETER IS MEASURED WITH "GO" AND "NO-GO" GAUGES $G_2$-1 AND $G_2$-2, RESPECTIVELY.

**NOTE 6:** THIS DIAMETER IS MEASURED WITH "GO" AND "NO-GO" GAUGES $G_3$-1 AND $G_3$-2, RESPECTIVELY.

## GAUGES

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| Gauge | Type | Dimension | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Diameter A | Thickness B | Radius R |
| $G_1$-1 | GO | $0.25200''^{+0.00000''}_{-0.00007''}$ | $0.320''^{+0.001''}_{-0.000''}$ | 0.003" MAX. |
| $G_1$-2 | NO-GO | $0.24500''^{+0.00007''}_{-0.00000''}$ | - | - |
| $G_2$-1 | GO | $0.42000''^{+0.00000''}_{-0.00007''}$ | - | - |
| $G_2$-2 | NO-GO | $0.40000''^{+0.00007''}_{-0.00000''}$ | - | - |
| $G_3$-1 | GO | $0.55700''^{+0.00000''}_{-0.00007''}$ | - | - |
| $G_3$-2 | NO-GO | $0.54700''^{+0.00007''}_{-0.00000''}$ | - | - |

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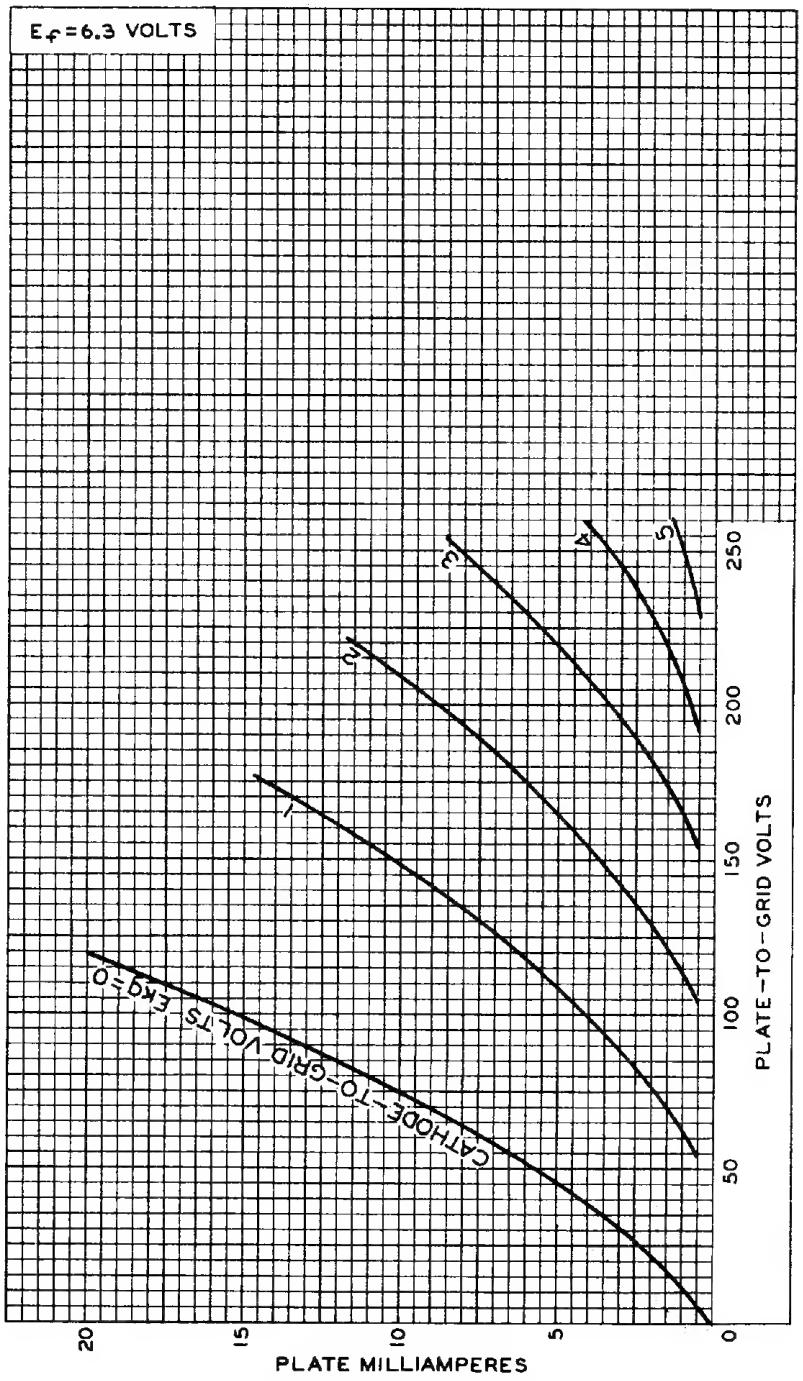
## AVERAGE PLATE CHARACTERISTICS
### Cathode-Drive Service

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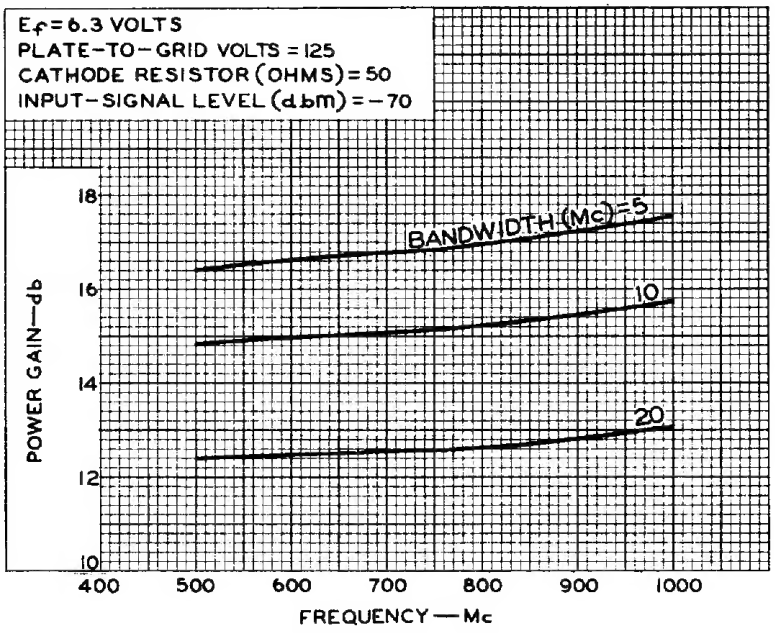
## POWER-GAIN CHARACTERISTICS
### Cathode-Drive Service

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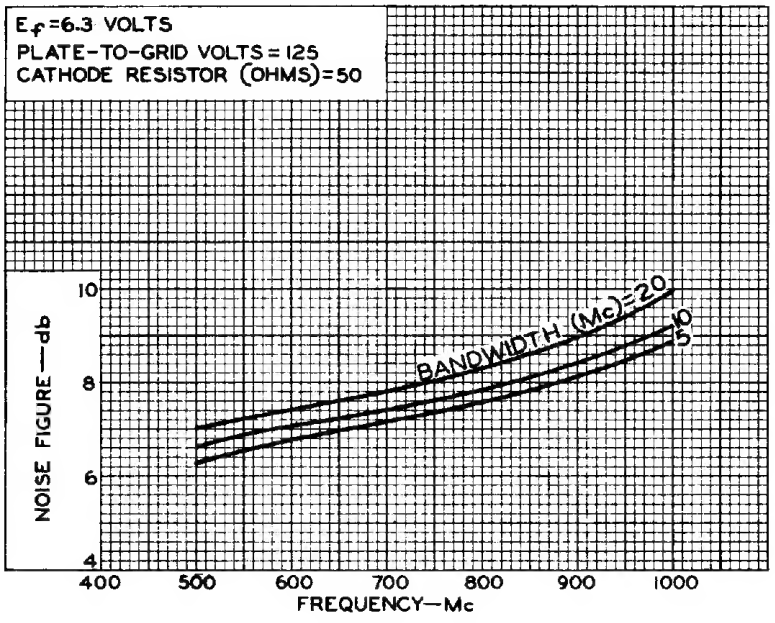
### Cathode-Drive Service

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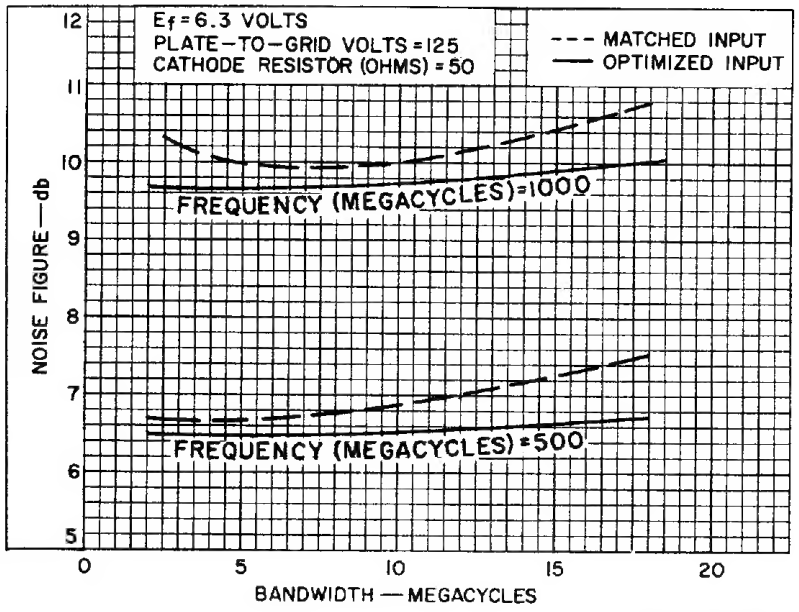


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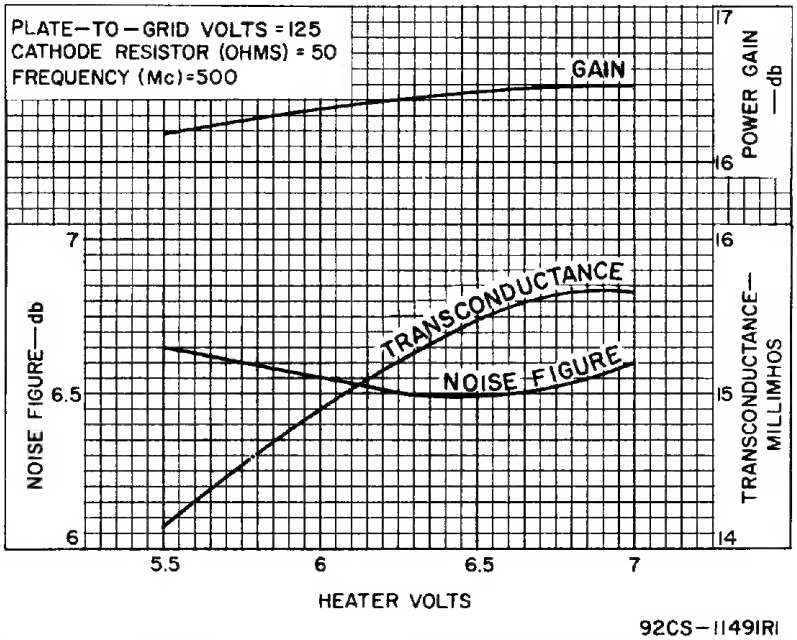


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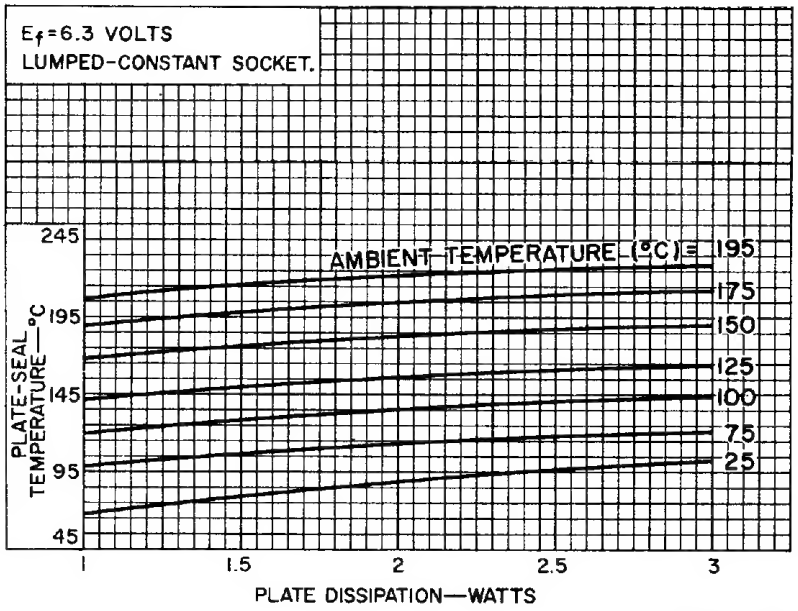
## PLATE-SEAL-TEMPERATURE CHARACTERISTICS

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